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From: McKenney, Catherine <Catherine.Mckenney@ottawa.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Watson, Jim (Mayor/Maire); Sloly, Peter (Police)
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Subject: Urgent action to help Ottawa urban residents from Councillor McKenney and Councillor Fleury

Mayor Watson and Chief Sloly,

Ottawa's urban core is in crisis. For six days and nights, downtown residents have been under siege. They have faced unprecedented noise and pollution. Wearing a mask in public means being threatened with violence and sexual violence or being spat at and screamed at.

We've experienced public urination, defecation, symbols of hatred and intolerance including nazi flags circulating our downtown.

Horns are blasting 24 hours every day, keeping our children awake. Drivers threatening pedestrians and others with erratic and dangerous behaviour. Seniors and others are afraid to leave their homes to buy groceries or take their children to school.

There are open fires, tanks of fuel being delivered to vehicles, illegal parking everywhere, downtown gridlock, and more.

And we're told that more trucks may arrive this weekend to reinforce the convoy's members.

We understand the pressure our force is under, dealing with this federal problem without full federal assistance. It is essential that the RCMP be asked to assume full operational control of Parliament Hill and the surrounding precinct area.

That will allow Ottawa Police Services to patrol and enforce our laws in the rest of downtown, something that is simply not happening at this time.

Therefore, we ask you:

Chief Sloly, have you requested that the RCMP assume full operational control of Parliament Hill and the Parliamentary Precinct so that OPS can be deployed into the neighbourhoods to restore peace?

Mayor Watson, have you spoken with the Prime Minister and what assistance did the Prime Minister offer? Have you requested that the Federal government take control of what is happening in our City?

What is the plan to bring an end to the chaos in our downtown neighborhoods. People are frightened. This is an unprecedented situation that must be dealt with immediately.

Please, please help our urban residents and local businesses and request that the federal government assume for responsibility, with the necessary resources, to fully assume responsibility for what is happening on Parliament Hill.

Regards,

Catherine McKenney
Councillor
Somerset Ward 14

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Rideau-Vanier Ward 12